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Subject: Effects of Vulcan quarry on our environment

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Attn: Rini Ghosh  
RE: Finance docket No. 34284

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

In response to the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, I am submitting the following to be considered in the formal scoping process.

I believe Vulcan's proposed quarry and proposed SGR rail line, regardless of where the railroad is constructed, are connected actions, and should be studied in the same Environmental Impact Statement. The study should include direct impacts and alternatives to both projects, including no quarry and no rail line at all.

We chose the Medina Oaks Estates area because it was quiet and out of city noises and bustle. My husband, being a firefighter for San Antonio fire dept after thirty three yrs. wanted an area for his retirement.

This quarry site would definitely put an end to quiet days, and create a noise level that would not be tolerable.

The constant flow of trains to load gravel as well as the trucks, and equipment used for mining would create a noisy environment.

If the quarry dynamites constantly, what would this do to our local wells and septic tanks at our homes?

I would be concerned about the leakage of septic systems into our water supply, and to the water wells we have now.

Also, we are only five and a half miles from Medina Dam built in 1911, and what impact would this depth drilling on this dam?

Would this lessen the structure of the dam, and would possible flooding occur in this area?

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We also, are concerned about water pollution caused by chemicals in operating such a quarry. Most of all, my husband and i have allergies, and the particle dust from this quarry would affect our alth.

As we get a constant flow of a south to southeast wind, this would blow the dust directly into our ea.

Our concerns are : the environmental effects of such a quarry, how this would affect our water id septic systems, impact on lands, and effects of quarry on our water systems as this is our only xurce of water.

We are opposed to the development of this company and railroad lines and we are thinking of ture  
levelopment of industrial companies, which we would not deem necessary for this area.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Neill

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